

Haury, Avon D.

From: Snook, Cindy (NF/SG)
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 10:40 AM
Subject: Construction Incident

Message sent to all Malcom Randall VAMC Employees:

There was an incident earlier this morning (January 10) which involved a non -VA construction worker near the broiler plant. We wanted to let everyone know that the worker is ok and was transported to Shand for evaluation. Thank you to those that inquired and for your concerns.

Cindy Snook

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Haury, Avon D.

From: Wells, Justina L.
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 10:32 AM
To: Haury, Avon D.
Subject: FW: Major Draft for Incident
Attachments: Construction Incident

From Cindy,

Approved to release?

jw

From: Snook, Cindy (NF/SG)
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 10:31 AM
To: Wells, Justina L. <Justina.Wells@va.gov>
Subject: Major Draft for Incident

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Haury, Avon D.

From: Ludwig, Kelly
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 9:36 AM
To: VHANFL QUAD; Haury, Avon D.; Sanchez, Jason R.; Kesgen, Carl V.; Carter, Syvonne
Cc: Henry, Daniel L; Snook, Cindy (NF/SG); VHANFL SECRETARIES
Subject: Boiler Plant Construction - Emergency

Importance: High

Chief NeSmith called - Boiler Plant Construction Emergency – worker had an medical event and is now buried under construction – Fire and Rescue on scene - MRVAMC

Haury, Avon D.

From: Ludwig, Kelly
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 10:12 AM
To: Farrell, Clifford J.; Self, Michelle F.; NeSmith, Wayne E.; Henry, Daniel L; Wells, Justina L.; Miller, Joseph G. (NF/SG)
Cc: Ludwig, Kelly; Gumz, Erika A.; Haury, Avon D.; Shelton, Paula R.
Subject: F/U of Event

Good morning – Mr. Haury would like to meet at 11am today in the Little MIC to discuss timeline of this morning's event. Please invite others who were in attendance as well. Thank you, Kelly

Haury, Avon D.

From: NeSmith, Wayne E.
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 10:05 AM
To: Dottor, Wende; Wisnieski, Thomas; Haury, Avon D.; Sanchez, Jason R.
Subject: RE: Construction Accident

Everyone responded. Rescue successful and victim transported to Shands.

From: Dottor, Wende
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 9:42 AM
To: NeSmith, Wayne E. <Wayne.NeSmith@va.gov>; Wisnieski, Thomas <Thomas.Wisnieski@va.gov>; Haury, Avon D. <Avon.Haury@va.gov>; Sanchez, Jason R. <Jason.Sanchez1@va.gov>
Subject: RE: Construction Accident

Avon is headed out there. Chief, I assume cliff and safety are also on scene?

From: NeSmith, Wayne E. <Wayne.NeSmith@va.gov>
Date: Thursday, Jan 10, 2019, 9:39 AM
To: Dottor, Wende <Wende.Dottor@va.gov>, Wisnieski, Thomas <Thomas.Wisnieski@va.gov>, Haury, Avon D. <Avon.Haury@va.gov>, Sanchez, Jason R. <Jason.Sanchez1@va.gov>
Subject: Construction Accident

Heads-up- Happening now: Boiler Plant Construction worker buried when trench collapsed in on him. Fire and rescue on site. So far they have been able to get his head cleared. Now working to get him out. He is still alive and breathing on his own.

Wayne E. NeSmith

Chief, VA Police
North Florida South Georgia Veterans Health System
Gainesville, Florida 32608
352-548-(b) (6)

1-10-

09:25 Dispatch. 9:27

→ What was original job

09:18

Corrected worker.

9:16

9:24 GFA

9:43

(Matthew Wolf) - waited for Sub.
CBS-4 runs

CO = Bill Clark. - Job site closed pending review. (5)

Are we required to notify owner to do: H. U. / 178
Employer by law. verify → OSU for
check

From: [Ludwig, Kelly](#)
To: [VISN 8 Issue Brief Notification](#)
Cc: [VHANFL QUAD](#); [VHANFL QUAD Secretaries](#); [Wells, Justina L.](#); [Snook, Cindy \(NF/SG\)](#); [Henry, Daniel L](#)
Subject: NFSGVHS IB 01102019 Incident with Non-VA Construction Worker at Boiler Plant
Date: Friday, January 11, 2019 8:25:43 AM
Attachments: [NFSGVHS IB 01102019 Incident with Non-VA Construction Worker at Boiler Plant.docx](#)

Please see attached IB from NF/SGVHS. Thank you, Kelly

VHA ISSUE BRIEF

VISN 8 – North Florida/ South Georgia Veterans Health System (NF/SGVHS),
Malcom Randall VA Medical Center, Gainesville, FL

Issue Title: Incident with Non-VA Construction Worker at Boiler Plant

Date of Report: January 10, 2019

Brief Statement of Issue and Status: On January 10, 2019, a Facility Management Service (FMS) staff member was notified that a sub- contracted Non-VA construction worker was buried under dirt in a collapsed exploratory hole. Alachua County Fire and Rescue was dispatched and rescued worker. Worker was transported to local hospital for evaluation. No serious injuries were noted.

Actions, Progress, and Resolution Date: On January 10, 2019 at 9:18 am, the Contracting Officer Representative (COR) over the boiler plant project was notified by a Non-VA Contractor that a sub-contracted construction worker was buried under dirt in a collapsed exploratory hole on the construction site. VA Police Officer received call from dispatch of the incident, and was the first to arrive on the scene at 9:25am. Fire and Rescue arrived shortly after and assumed Incident Command. Statements from witnesses were obtained by VA Police and Alachua County Fire and Rescue. It was reported that the worker climbed into the trench to retrieve his hard hat when the hole collapsed, causing him to be submerged in two feet of dirt. Worker was rescued out of the hole by 9:43am. Worker was conscious and cognizant. As protocol, he was transported to local hospital for evaluation. It was reported by the contractor that the worker will be released January 11, 2019.

The job site has been officially closed, pending all required and procedural reviews and investigations. The VA Contracting Officer has requested that the contractor provide; 1) an overview of internal corrective actions plan(s)/ investigations, 2) listing of all general contractor and subcontractor employees that were on-site, and 3) copies of their Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) training cards.

VA has contacted OSHA. Articles published on multiple local news outlets and includes pictures from Gainesville Fire's twitter account.

CBS4 News Gainesville

<https://mycbs4.com/news/local/gainesville-fire-rescues-worker-trapped-in-trench>

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TV20 News: <https://www.wcjb.com/content/news/GFR-rescues-worker-from-504163051.html>

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Gainesville Sun: <https://www.gainesville.com/news/20190110/buried-alive-gainesville-firefighters-rescue-worker>

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Indicate if Only If Applicable: place an "X" next to the response reflecting the facilities action

- **Institutional Disclosure** ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☒ X N/A
- **Clinical Disclosure** ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☒ X N/A

Contact for Further Information: Wende Dottor, Deputy Director, Malcom Randall VAMC, (352) 548-6027

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Cheek, Patrick A. (NF/SG PO)

From: Farrell, Clifford J.
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 9:14 AM
To: Dottor, Wende; Self, Michelle F.
Cc: Wells, Justina L.
Subject: RE: Please confirm OHSA was contacted

On the phone with OSAH now. We will be the complainant.

Thanks,
Cliff
Clifford Farrell
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To: Self, Michelle F. <Michelle.Self@va.gov>; Farrell, Clifford J. <Clifford.Farrell2@va.gov>
Cc: Wells, Justina L. <Justina.Wells@va.gov>
Subject: RE: Please confirm OHSA was contacted

Thank you so very much

From: Self, Michelle F.
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 8:46 AM
To: Dottor, Wende <Wende.Dottor@va.gov>; Farrell, Clifford J. <Clifford.Farrell2@va.gov>
Cc: Wells, Justina L. <Justina.Wells@va.gov>
Subject: RE: Please confirm OHSA was contacted

Good morning,

I spoke with Justina yesterday evening and let her know that OSHA was contacted for the issue brief.

Thank You

Michelle F. Self, CSS
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To: Farrell, Clifford J. <Clifford.Farrell2@va.gov>
Cc: Wells, Justina L. <Justina.Wells@va.gov>; Self, Michelle F. <Michelle.Self@va.gov>
Subject: RE: Please confirm OHSA was contacted

thanks

From: Farrell, Clifford J.
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 7:49 AM
To: Dottor, Wende <Wende.Dottor@va.gov>
Cc: Wells, Justina L. <Justina.Wells@va.gov>; Self, Michelle F. <Michelle.Self@va.gov>
Subject: RE: Please confirm OHSA was contacted

Wende:

OSHA was contacted. They will call again this morning for more information.

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Good Morning,

This the last detail we need for the Issue Brief. Thanks

Cheek, Patrick A. (NF/SG PO)

From: Rusiecki, Eugene
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 8:23 AM
To: Clark, William L.; Farrell, Clifford J.
Cc: Dottor, Wende
Subject: RE: Replace Boiler Project

Bill,

You are correct, it is (b) (6) – Greeland.

Cheers,
Gene Rusiecki

From: Clark, William L.
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 6:55 AM
To: Rusiecki, Eugene <Eugene.Rusiecki@va.gov>; Farrell, Clifford J. <Clifford.Farrell2@va.gov>
Cc: Dottor, Wende <Wende.Dottor@va.gov>
Subject: RE: Replace Boiler Project

Gene,

Just wanted to confirm who that on-site Superintendent was.

Per your previous email - appears to have been/is (b) (6) .

Regards,

Bill

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From: Rusiecki, Eugene
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 4:07 PM

To: Clark, William L. <William.Clark1@va.gov>; Farrell, Clifford J. <Clifford.Farrell2@va.gov>

Cc: Dottor, Wende <Wende.Dottor@va.gov>

Subject: RE: Replace Boiler Project

Bill,

The basic daily log would be similar to the attached document that I have received from ESPC Project – Schneider Electric. Contractor can create their own log.

The key things I look for is the number of workers, hours worked, who are contractors and where/what work was accomplished.

If you have additional questions feel free to contact me.

Cheers,
Gene Rusiecki

From: Clark, William L.

Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 3:10 PM

To: Farrell, Clifford J. <Clifford.Farrell2@va.gov>

Cc: Dottor, Wende <Wende.Dottor@va.gov>; Rusiecki, Eugene <Eugene.Rusiecki@va.gov>

Subject: RE: Replace Boiler Project

Gene,

In terms of who has been supervising – what do the daily logs indicate?

Regards,

Bill

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To: Clark, William L. <William.Clark1@va.gov>

Cc: Dottor, Wende <Wende.Dottor@va.gov>; Rusiecki, Eugene <Eugene.Rusiecki@va.gov>

Subject: FW: Replace Boiler Project

Bill:

It appears the personnel is different from those that were proposed. We based the award on the proposed team. This appears to be an issue if we did not agree to the changes in team members.

Thanks,
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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 2:59 PM

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(b) (6); Dottor, Wende <Wende.Dottor@va.gov>; Schuman, Edward F. <Edward.Schuman@va.gov>; Majors, Darryl M. <Darryl.Majors@va.gov>; Woods, Tangie T. <Tangie.Woods@va.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Replace Boiler Project

Bill,

I am the Project Manager for Greenland, my plan is to be onsite Tuesday by our regularly scheduled 1pm Owners Meeting. Let me know if that timeframe works for you.

Thanks,

(b) (6)

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From: Clark, William L. <William.Clark1@va.gov>

Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 2:52 PM

To: (b) (6)

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Subject: RE: Replace Boiler Project

Mr. (b) (6),

Been asked that the following personnel attend:

Contractor: (b) (6), Project Manager, (b) (6), MEP Project Manager, (b) (6), Project Superintendent. SAW and Greenland's Safety Officers.

Contractor Optional: (b) (6), VP SAW Contracting, Inc., Safety Officer, Oelrich Construction Inc:

Please advise with possible dates/times. We should plan on the meeting not starting later than 1:00 PM.

Regards,

Bill

William Clark

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To: (b) (6)

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Subject: RE: Replace Boiler Project

Mr. (b) (6),

Good afternoon.

Thank you for the update.

The OSHA Inspector has left the site and stated that the hole can be backfilled - as their site investigation is complete.

Please proceed with backfilling the exploratory hole - to eliminate the danger of further collapse.

You should not proceed with any other work.

Also, I have been asked that at least you (or designee) and your Safety Manager (or designees), come to the facility next week to discuss further. Please advise as to available dates and times.

Regards,

Bill

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Replace Boiler Project

Mr. Clark,

An update:

The worker, (b) (6), was released from observation this morning. I have asked for a memo from TES. Our safety consultant is on-site and working with OSHA who is also on site. OSHA is currently conducting interviews for their investigation as well.

When we have our safety consultant's final report, we will submit the full incident report to you.

We have contacted the subcontractors for their certified payroll reports for last week.

Thank you.

(b) (6)

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Subject: RE: Replace Boiler Project

Mr. (b) (6),

Received – thank you.

Regards,

Bill

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Mr. Clark,
The attached email has the documents for the key personnel.

The only payrolls to date are the 12/26/18 to 12/28/18 and 12/31/18 – 01/04/19. We will compile those and send to you.

(b) (6)

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Subject: RE: Replace Boiler Project

Importance: High

Mr. (b) (6),

We have approved three (3) invoices to date.

Could you (re) send any/all payrolls to date.

Also, did SAW/Greenland send an email/letter identifying their on-site Project Superintendent?

Regards,

Bill

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Mr. (b) (6),

Good Morning

Thank you for the update. Great news regarding (b) (6) condition.

Regards,

Bill

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Mr. Clark and Mr. Rusiecki,

Please see the attached letter from TES in regards to the worker, (b) (6). The worker has been well since this incident and the hospital is keeping him for overnight observation. From the OSHA website, this still does not constitute a hospitalization per this excerpt:

"Employers do not have to report an event if it: Resulted from a motor vehicle accident on a public street or highway (except in a construction work zone); occurred on a commercial or public transportation system, such as an airplane or bus; Involved hospitalization for diagnostic testing or observation only."

More updates to follow as I receive them. Thank you.

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Self, Michelle F. <Michelle.Self@va.gov>
Subject: [WARNING: ATTACHMENT UNSCANNED][EXTERNAL] RE: Replace Boiler Project

Mr. Clark,

The following workers were on site today and their OSHA Certificates attached. Sorry for the delay, I had to compress the file so I could send it. Thank you.

- Greenland Enterprises
 - o (b) (6)
- All Florida Electric
 - o (b) (6)
 - o (b) (6)
- Oelrich Construction Inc:
 - o (b) (6)
- Total Earth Services Inc.
 - o (b) (6)
 - o (b) (6)
 - o (b) (6)

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(b) (6)

Self, Michelle F.

<Michelle.Self@va.gov>

Subject: RE: Replace Boiler Project

Mr. (b) (6),

Thank you for the update.

Will await an update/response regarding the worker and the safety cards.

Regards,

Bill

William Clark

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Replace Boiler Project

Mr. Clark,

The site contractor foreman has been in touch with the worker and he has been walking in the hospital, and is conscious and cognizant. They are monitoring him for a couple hours and may release him this afternoon. I have asked for continual updates and will provide to you as I receive them.

(b) (6) is compiling the worker list and OSHA's now and will transmit to you immediately.

For OSHA reporting, the OSHA regulation states for "an inpatient hospitalization, amputation or loss of an eye, then incidents must be reported to OSHA only if they occur within 24 hours of the work-related incident." We are standing by to see if he will be discharged or admitted to the hospital. If he is admitted, then it is reportable. If he is discharged, it is not reportable.

How does OSHA define "in-patient hospitalization"? x

OSHA defines in-patient hospitalization as a formal admission to the in-patient service of a hospital or clinic for care or treatment. Treatment in an Emergency Room only is not reportable.

At this time, we are gathering all the reports from all workers who witnessed the incident. We have also engaged our Safety Consultant to visit the jobsite and conduct a third party safety investigation.

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Subject: RE: Replace Boiler Project

Mr. (b) (6),

Good afternoon.

We respectfully request the following as quickly as possible:

- Please provide FMS latest health status of the worker removed from the accident site.
- Also, VA FMS and VA Safety is immediately requesting a list of all general contractor and subcontractor employees that were on-site today, to include copies of their OSHA 10 hour (worker) and 30 hours (supervisor) training cards.

Regards,

Bill

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Replace Boiler Project

Mr. Clark,

We acknowledge receipt and will comply with the direction below. We will submit all documentation of investigation.

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Subject: Replace Boiler Project

Importance: High

Mr. (b) (6),

Good Morning.

As you may already be aware, and per Mr. Rusiecki's email below, a near catastrophic accident just occurred on the job site.

This email acts as notification that the job site is officially closed, pending all required and procedural reviews and investigations.

Feel free to contact me directly with any questions/comments.

We would also appreciate an overview of your internal corrective action plan(s)/investigation, at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

Bill

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From: Rusiecki, Eugene

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Subject: 573-14-600 Replace Boilers - Job Site Accident

Bill,

This morning approximately 9:15am an accident occurred at the job New Boiler Plant work-site. For safety investigation purposes, please inform the general contractor SAW-Greenland JV not to proceed with work and the job-site is closed until further notice.

Should you have any questions with the above, feel free to contact me.

Gene Rusiecki



Thank you for your time and efforts in serving our Veterans.

Eugene Rusiecki, Electrical Engineer COR

Engineering Projects Section (138P)

1601 SW Archer Road

Gainesville, FL 32608

Phone: (352) 548-(b) (6)

Fax: (352) 374-(b) (6)

E-mail: eugene.rusiecki@va.gov



Department of Veterans Affairs
Malcolm Randall VA Medical Center
1601 S.W. Archer Road
Gainesville, FL 32608

January 18, 2019

Attention: William "Bill" Clark, Contracting Officer
Eugene "Gene" Rusiecki, Contracting Officer's Representative
Reference: Replace Boilers – VA Medical Center, Gainesville, FL
Contract # 36CVA24818C0161
Subject: Jobsite Incident 01-10-2019

Dear Mr. Clark,

Please use this letter as formal report of the jobsite incident on 01-10-2019. The following Exhibits recount the events and actions related to the incident.

- Exhibit A – Onsite witness testimonies from SAW-Greenland JV II, Oelrich Construction, Total Earth Services & All Florida Electric.
- Exhibit B – SAW-Greenland JV II & Oelrich Construction meeting minutes from conference call on 1-10-19 at 12:00 PM.
- Exhibit C – Total Earth Services memo indicating (b) (6) being examined at the hospital and will be kept overnight for observation.
- Exhibit D – Memo indicating (b) (6) being released from hospital dated 1-11-19.
- Exhibit E – Circle Safety investigation report dated 1-13-19.
- The Exhibit E documents fully detail the overview, photographs, description of the incident, findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

Future protocols

Our team has determined that we will implement the following protocols moving forward:

1. Treat all excavations and trenches as if they are Class C type soil.
2. Replace the current TES field crew and supervisor with a fully trained, competent crew.
3. Review and document the Safety and Accident Prevention Plan with all subcontractors on site
4. Conduct frequent and regular inspections of the site by all levels of companies and supervisors, and document these inspections.
5. Our third party safety consultant shall conduct monthly safety audits with a full report of the safety inspection and any corrective actions taken, if applicable.
6. Continue weekly toolbox talks.
7. Continue preparatory phase meetings prior to each scope of work. Continue the requirement for JSA's (Job Safety Analysis) daily by each subcontractor for their scopes of work.
8. Document the competent person from each subcontractor through Letters of Competent Person.
9. Conduct a mandatory ten minute safety briefing and discussion every Monday morning prior to the week's work.
10. Continue requirement that every worker signs in on the sign-in sheet at the jobsite trailer.

Please contact me at any time for any further matters regarding this incident. Thank you.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

WEDNESDAY JAN 9 2019

AT About 9:00 I was Just Returning From The MAIN VA Campus With All Florida Electric Superintendent (b) (6). As I approached Bldg 27 I noticed TES Digging. And then a ladder was installed in the excavation. Asked what they were doing and was told that they were checking for ground water at approximately 16 ft. Then a man went down the ladder and I said this is not safe and they proceeded to go down the ladder. I tried to return to the office to get the safety Regs when I heard yelling and returned to the site to see a cave in. I notified (b) (6) (Greenland Construction Manager) and Gene Rusiecki with the VA. (b) (6) (Oerich Superintendent) call Rescue immediately after cave in.

At about 9:00 I was just returning from the Main VA Campus with All Florida Electric Superintendent (b) (6). As I approached Bldg 27 I noticed TES digging and that a ladder was installed in the excavation. Asked what they were doing and was told that they were checking for ground water at approximately 16 ft. Then a man went down the ladder and I said this is not safe and they proceeded to go down the ladder. I tried to return to the office to get the safety Regs when I heard yelling and returned to the site to see a cave in. I notified (b) (6) (Greenland Construction Manager) and Gene Rusiecki with the VA. (b) (6) (Oerich Superintendent) called 911 rescue immediately after cave in.

ACCIDENT / EXPOSURE INVESTIGATION REPORT

Date & Time of Accident:	January 10th 9:00am
Location:	Directly to the west of building 25 at the VAMC Boiler Plant Project Text
Accident Description:	<p>Total Earth Services was onsite to continue site demolition (curb, asphalt, islands) for the new Boiler Plant being constructed. I (b) (6) was the onsite contact for TES. I was in the job-site trailer conducting a meeting with (b) (6). This meeting ended at 8:55 am, when I left the trailer to check on the progress of TES. Upon arrival of TES in front of building 25, they had excavated a deep hole (without permission) approx. 16' deep to shoot the bottom grade of our tunnel (this was not in the schedule for today's activities, both myself and (b) (6) can confirm). (b) (6) instructed TES to stop what they were doing as it was not safe and then proceeded to go to the trailer to pull up the OSHA Standards for Excavation. No harness or safety means or methods were in place upon my arrival. I instructed TES to stop work. The worker (b) (6) was on the ladder, shooting the grade for TES. (b) (6) hardhat had fallen off into the hole. Myself, the operator and (b) (6) foreman told him not to try and retrieve it as it was not safe. (b) (6) handed the grade rod to the operator and then proceeded to go further down the ladder while we had our backs turned to retrieve his hardhat when the dirt on the west side of the hole collapsed on him and buried him. From the time I arrived to view their excavation hole and the time the accident occurred was no more than 5 minutes long. 911 was called immediately, and (b) (6) was on site within 5 Minutes.</p>
Workers Involved:	(b) (6) (TES)
Preventive Action Recommendations:	<p>Safety Meeting was held yesterday (1/9/19) With the topic of Pre-Task Planning & Hazardous Evaluations. Signed by all of the Subs on site. During this incident (1/10/19), there was no preliminary knowledge that this is what TES was attempting to accomplish today. It was my understanding that TES was to complete preliminary demo (Curb, Asphalt, Trees, Sidewalks, Islands).</p>
Corrective Actions Taken:	VA Instructed a stop work order until further notice. Site was safe-off with construction fence and barricades. Safety investigations are underway.

(b) (6)

1/10/19

Manager Responsible:

Date Completed

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT
TOTAL EARTH SERVICES, LLC

REPORT# _____

1. Name of injured: (b) (6)
2. Sex (☒)M ()F Age: 24 Date of Accident: 1-10-19
3. Time of Accident: 9:15 A.M. _____ P.M. Day of Accident: _____
4. Employee's Job Title laborer
5. Length of time on current site: Years _____ Months _____ Employment hire date: _____
6. Address of location where the accident occurred: VA Hospital
7. Nature of injury, Injury type, and part of body affected: (b) (6)
8. Describe the accident and how it occurred: wall caved in on him
9. Cause of the accident: improper excavation
10. Was personal protection equipment required? (☒)yes () no Was it provided? () yes (☒) no
Was it being used? () yes (☒) no If "NO", explain Harness not on site ETC 1/14/19
Was it being used properly? () yes () no If "No", explain _____
11. Witness(es): (b) (6)
12. Safety training current (☒)yes () no If "NO", explain _____
13. Temporary corrective action(s) taken: excavation filled in
14. Permanent corrective action taken to prevent recurrence: excavation filled in
15. Date of report: 1-11-19
Prepared by: (b) (6)
Person(s) notified of Accident: (b) (6)
Supervisor (Signature): (b) (6) Date: 1-11-19
16. Status and follow up action taken by safety coordinator: _____

Safety Coordinator (Signature) _____ Date: _____

TOTAL EARTH SERVICES, LLC
ACCIDENT/INJURY REPORT

Foreman must complete report and return to the Human Resource Department within 24 hours.

Name: (b) (6) Social Security Number: (b) (6)

Date of Accident: 1-10-19 Birthday: (b) (6)

Time of Accident: 9-9:15 (A.M.) P.M. _____

Place of Accident: Veterans Hospital Gainesville Fla

Witnesses: (if any)

Treatment:

Name: (b) (6) First Aid Given? Yes ✓ No _____

Address: (b) (6) By whom? Paramedics

Hospitalized? Yes ✓ No _____

Phone #: _____ Physician: _____

Nature and extent of injuries: unknown

How did accident/injury occur? (Be specific; use extra sheet if necessary) _____

Job or activity engaged in at time of injury (Be specific): shooting grade in an

excavation

Describe any unsafe conditions, methods or practices related to the accident: _____

Employee Signature

Date

(b) (6)

1-10-19

Foreman's Signature

Date

VA Hospital

Gainesville, Fla

Job Name
0030

0030

Job Location
0030

TOTAL EARTH SERVICES, LLC

WITNESS STATEMENT REGARDING ACCIDENT

Date of this report: 1-10-19

Date of Accident: 1-10-19

Witness Name: (b) (6)

Occupation: Supervisor

Location of Accident witnessed: Veterans Hospital Gainesville, Fla

Describe clearly how the accident occurred and what happened. For all motor vehicle accidents draw a diagram on the other side:

We dug an exploratory excavation to determine if there was any ground water. We dug as deep as we could lowered a latter into the excavation (b) (6) was on the latter with the graderod we got a shot he dropped his hard hat (b) (6) told him to leave the hat come up the ladder he was approximately $4\frac{1}{2}$ - 5 ft down he handed (b) (6) the graderod (b) (6) turned to set it down (b) (6) went down the ladder to retrieve his hard hat the bank gave way covering him I don't know how long before they got to him but he was breathing he came up the ladder on his own power he was then transported to Shands hospital. Under no circumstances was he supposed to go down that ladder below where

(b) (6)

Printed name of Witness

(b) (6)

Signature of Witness/Date

1-10-19

TOTAL EARTH SERVICES, LLC
WITNESS STATEMENT REGARDING ACCIDENT

Date of this report: _____

Date of Accident: _____

Witness Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Location of Accident witnessed: _____

Describe clearly how the accident occurred and what happened. For all motor vehicle accidents draw a diagram on the other side:

*he shot that grade, that excavation was
not intended to work out of it was just
exploratory,*

(b) (6)

Printed name of Witness

(b) (6)

Signature of Witness/Date

1-10-19

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

was on the ladder holding the grade rod so we could get an elevation ~~on~~ on the depth of the hole dug ~~we~~ in the process of doing that he ~~he~~ lost his hard hat ~~at~~ at the bottom of the ditch due to it being knocked off ~~we~~ with the grade rod we took the elevation shot (b) (6) then proceeded to hand me the grade rod which I let go to put the grade rod away I turned around to put it ~~away~~ away and when I did that I appeared that he was proceeding to climb out using the ladder but instead was ~~proceeding~~ proceeding down the ladder to retrieve ~~the~~ his hard hat at the bottom ~~of~~ of the ditch which he was told to just forget about we had others. ~~Then~~ Once I turned around I instructed him down the ladder and yelled (b) (6) look out get out of ~~there~~ there and the bank of the ditch caved off and covered ~~him~~ him up all the way above his head then proceeded to call 911 for rescue.

WITNESS STATEMENT REGARDING ACCIDENT

Date of this report: ~~11/10/19~~ 11/11/19

Date of Accident: 11/10/19

Witness Name: (b) (6)

Occupation: labor

Location of Accident witnessed: gainsville

Describe clearly how the accident occurred and what happened. For all motor vehicle accidents draw a diagram on the other side:

~~the hole~~ I was asked to ^{get} ~~the~~ ^{elevation} ~~er~~ on the hole that was dug and i ^{went} ~~was~~ in the hole to do what i was ask and my hard hat fell off and i was going to go get it and i ~~was~~ was told not to that they would get it with the ~~machine~~ a rubber tire and i was told to get out of the hole quick and then i got buried under the sand I was under the sand for about 10 to 12 minutes before the fire department uncovered my head i was awake the whole time i was under the sand. after they got me uncovered I walk up the ladder ^{on to the stretcher} ~~and~~ ~~and~~ and put in the ambulance and took to the Hospital.

(b) (6)

Printed name of Witness

(b) (6)

Signature of Witness



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2606 NORTHEAST 17TH TERRACE
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA 32609

Ph: 352.378.6014 • Fx: 352.372.7135
EC-00001186

1/11/2019

To whom it may concern,

(b) (6) and myself were working on January 10 just past 9:00 am on site approximately one hundred feet from the the open excavation where a worker had the excavation cave in on him. We did not witness the incident, but when we were informed what had happened, we ceased work and offered our help. We did facilitate the fire rescuers access the site by opening and closing the construction site gates.

Regards,

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

(b) (b) (6)

Attendees: SAW -

(b) (6)

EXHIBIT B

Greenland -

(b) (6)

Oelrich -

(b) (6)

01/10/19 @ 12 PM - 12:20 PM conference call

Gainesville VAMC - Replace Boiler - Incident Discussion

(b) (6) = GREENLAND

(b) (6) = OELMCH (b) (6) OELMCH

(b) (6) = SAW

12PM 1/10/19 Conference Call

(b) (6) = remove debris was task. Sub was digging for groundwater. They put ladder in hole. SPT did not say it was on operation & unsafe. Not on preparatory. Want to get safety manual. called. Gene. from VA.

(b) (6) called emergency services.

(b) (6) he had certifications on file. All workers receive safety training - (b) (6) is the worker

(b) (6) - (b) (6) Account is correct. (b) (6) and (b) (6) said do not be near ^{excavator operator,} (b) (6) the excavation. Dropped his hardhat in hole. 3 pax said don't enter - TES SPT,

(b) (6) - get written accounts from all field personnel - Oelrich, TES, Greenland.

(b) (6) 3rd party safety audits - Circle Safety will fly down to conduct 3rd party investigation on our behalf.

(b) (6) no public comments by our team. All comments from the VAMC.

(b) (6) - Fire chief escorted a reporter to the site who took photos. Not cleared. They were escorted off-site. (b) (6) was on-site. Police and VA are having a round table discussion this afternoon.

(b) (6) reporting to OSHA. ~~report~~ within 24 hours to OSHA, but he was released.

(b) (6) check with VA Safety office. She did not and will not report to OSHA.

(b) (6) - What is the regulation for OSHA reporting? If released within 24 hours, no reporting required.

(b) (6) has contact with the worker. Release today is possible.

(b) (6) All correspondence related to this incident shall be via email and "reply all".



TOTAL EARTH SERVICES, LLC
8470 NE 44TH DRIVE
WILDWOOD, FL 34785
352-415-4888
478-304-1126

January 9, 2019

(b) (6)

Oelrich Construction
275 NW 137th Drive
Suite A
Jonesville, FL 32669

RE: VAMC Boiler Replacement Job
SW 16th Avenue
Gainesville, FL
Job#18-1121

Dear **(b) (6)**

As you are aware, today we had an employee **(b) (6)** enter into an unprotected trench on the above referenced job. It caved in, first responders rescued him, and he climbed out of the hole. At this time **(b) (6)** is at the hospital being examined, so far results look good but as a precaution, they are keeping him for overnight observation.

- The incident was reported around 9:30 am to our Insurance Company, **(b) (6)** by **(b) (6)** **(b) (6)**
- We understand that the job is shut down.
- We are currently investigating this incident and gathering information from the Foreman and other employees and/or witnesses at the site.
- We will be determining the contributing causes to the incident and taking corrective actions to prevent this from reoccurring.

We will update as soon as we complete our investigation.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Safety Manager

Greenland Enterprises

Post-Accident Inspection

VAMC Gainesville, FL

Overview

Introduction

This inspection took place on 1/11/2019, between 12:00pm and 3:45 pm. The inspection was triggered by an excavation collapse that buried a subcontractor. This inspection was conducted with (b) (6) (OELRICH Construction), (b) (6) (OELRICH Construction) and (b) (6) (Greenland Enterprises). A description of the accident, the findings from the investigation, pictures of the scene, and witness statements are documented below and were reviewed with (b) (6)

Site Information

The project is located at 1601 S.W. Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608.

Workers on Site during the Inspection

OELRICH Construction 2 employees, Total Earth Services 1 employees, and Greenland Enterprises 1 employee.

Contractor Roles

This project is a joint venture between Greenland and Saw. This joint venture is the General Contractor. OELRICH is a first tier subcontractor and TES is a second tier contractor hired by OELRICH.

Scope

The inspection was focused on the excavation that collapsed trapping an employee for Total Earth Services. The focus was to investigate the accident to determine if protocols were followed and what caused the excavation collapsed.

Submitted by

(b) (6)

Overview (Continued)

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Location

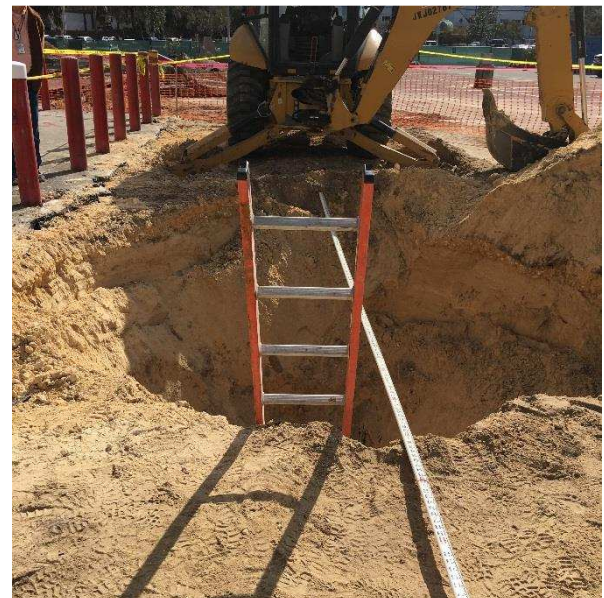
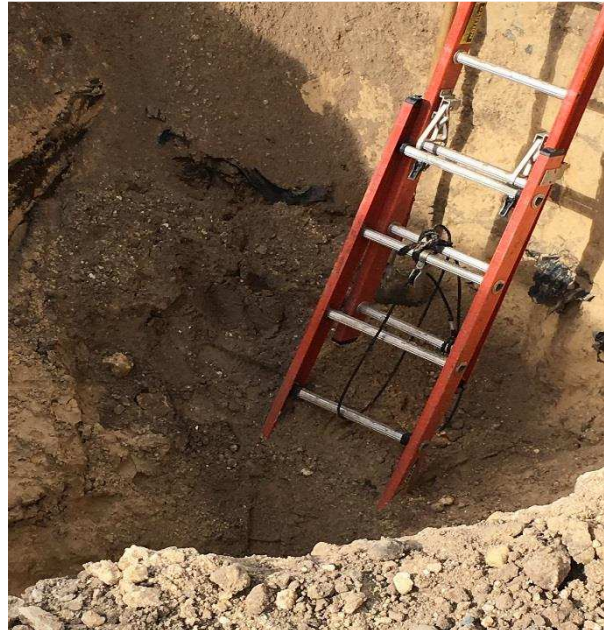
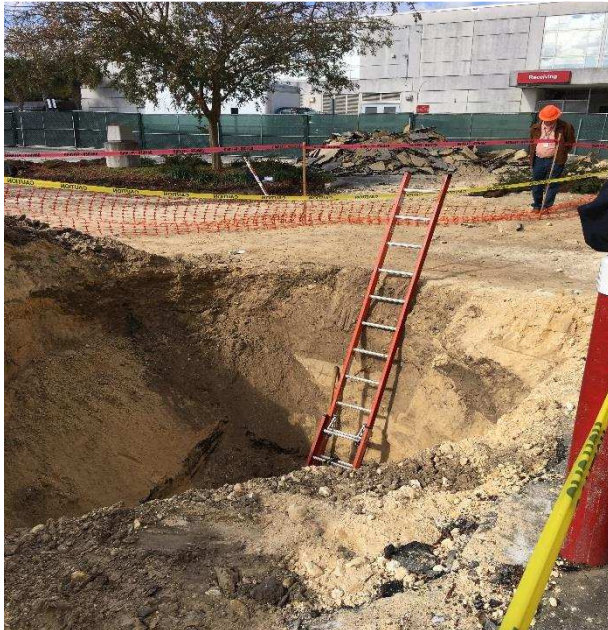
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Description

Excavation

Responsible Party

Total Earth Services





Pictures of the Scene - Site:

Location

Project Site

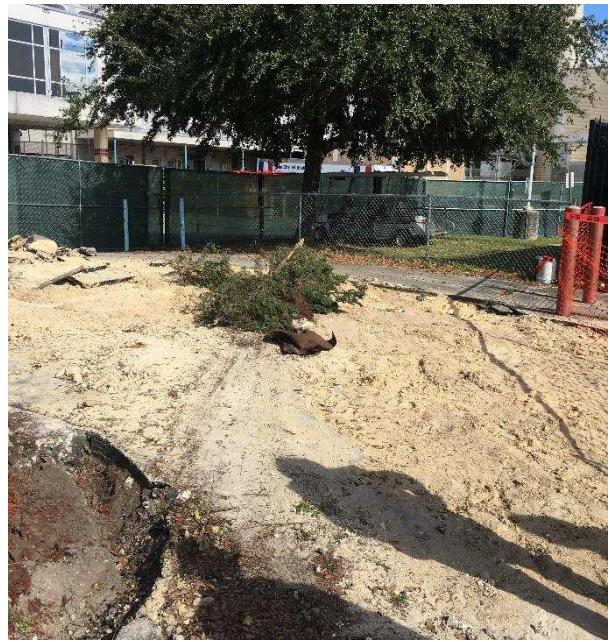
Description

Areas around project site

Responsible Party

SAW-Greenland JV II, Inc.





Accident Description:

The day started about 7:30 am with Total Earth Services (TES) to demo existing asphalt, curbing, and concrete around the job site. TES started this process with three employees (b) (6) (Supervisor) (b) (6) (Equipment Operator), and (b) (6) (Laborer). The work that was scheduled for the day was to demo pavement, curbing, and sidewalks. No excavation work was scheduled. (b) (6) Greenland Enterprises Site Superintendent and (b) (6) OELRICH Construction Site Superintendent were present at the location but were engaged in other activities during the TES demolition process. (b) (6) left the immediate area to walk electricians into the main campus to lock out electrical circuits. (b) (6) was attending a construction meeting. While (b) (6) and (b) (6) were performing these tasks, a representative from TES called (b) (6) the Supervisor on site for TES and asked (b) (6) to dig a hole to find groundwater and determine the type of soil on site. (b) (6) began digging a hole with the backhoe.

Once the hole was approximately 16' deep, the three employees from TES put an extension ladder into the excavation. (b) (6) then asked (b) (6) to get on the ladder in the excavation to hold the grade rod so he could shoot grade. At this point, (b) (6) returned from the main campus to find TES had created this deep excavation. As (b) (6) approached the excavation, (b) (6) returned from his meeting to check the status of work on site as well. Both (b) (6) and (b) (6) asked TES what they were doing and why an employee was in an excavation with no protective system. At this point (b) (6) asked (b) (6) to exit the excavation and started to walk to the job trailer, to get the safety manual to show TES that they were not in compliance with OSHA Trenching and Excavations standards and site safety requirements.

The TES employee did not exit the trench as instructed. (b) (6) was on the ladder five rungs down from the top of the excavation. Before exiting (b) (6) took the shot on grade and (b) (6) passed out the grade rod to (b) (6) standing at the top of the ladder. While doing this (b) (6) knocked his hardhat off, and it fell to the bottom of the trench. (b) (6) told (b) (6) to leave the hardhat in the hole and instructed him not to go down to the bottom of the excavation to get the hardhat.

(b) (6) turned around to set down the grade rod, and (b) (6) proceeded to climb down into the excavation to get his hard hat. Once he was in the bottom of the excavation, the side of the excavation nearest the spoil pile collapsed on top of him. At this point, (b) (6) was completely buried under the dirt. (b) (6) immediately called Fire and EMS services. Fire and EMS arrived approximately five minutes later and started to hand dig out (b) (6). Within 15 minutes, Fire and EMS removed (b) (6) from the excavation.

(b) (6) was breathing and talking and was taken to the hospital for evaluation and observation. Once (b) (6) was removed from the trench, the trench was barricaded to prevent any unauthorized access to the trench. The project site was closed until an accident investigation could be conducted. Once the investigation had taken place, the excavation was backfilled.

Findings:

- SAW-Greenland JV II Inc. site-specific safety plan was not available for review onsite
- Greenland and OELRICH Superintendents should have ensured that the worker immediately exited from excavation once work was deemed unsafe.
- TES did not follow the site-specific APP provided by SAW-Greenland JV II Inc.
- Specifically Section 11 U Excavation and Trenching
- TES Competent Person did not inspect and/or eliminate hazards associated with the excavation before worker entered the excavation
- TES Supervisor (b) (6) lacks adequate training to function as the competent person for excavation operations. An OSHA 30 course is not adequate.
- TES did not exit the excavation as instructed when Greenland and OELRICH Superintendent deemed work unsafe
- TES provided no protective system for employees working in an excavation deeper than 5 feet.
- Spoil pile not set back 2' from the edge of the excavation
- Conflicting groundwater reports lead to the excavation being dug to determine the depth of the groundwater. TES failed to notify the controlling contractor or their Tier 1 subcontractor of the change in the work schedule for the day.
- TES employees safety training inadequate
- Toolbox talks were up to date
- OSHA 10hr and 30hr certificates were up to date for TES employees. It should be noted that the equipment operator and laborer for TES completed the OSHA 10hr training 3-5 days to the accident. TES supervisor completed his OSHA 30hr training in 2012
- Protocol for reporting major accidents was followed

Conclusions:

Based on the witness statements (see attached scans) and the findings from the scene, multiple issues contributed to this accident.

- APP should have been reviewed with the subcontractor's onsite before starting work and that review documented.
- TES made a substantial change in the scope of work for the day without notifying the General Contractor.
- TES should have requested another Geo-Tech report instead of digging an exploratory excavation.
- The TES Supervisor put the worker in an unsafe position and is not competent to manage trenching and excavation operations.
- Workers could have used a different technique to shoot grade without entering excavation. Workers could have supported the grade rod from both sides of the excavation to get the grade if necessary.

- If an entry was made, a protective system was required (sloping, shielding, or shoring).
- Spoil pile was not located 2' away from the edge of the excavation. This additional weight of the spoil pile probably contributed to the collapse along with the type of soil present.

Recommendations:

- Review accident and findings with SAW, Greenland, and OELRICH Construction personnel to create awareness and possible reoccurrence.
- Treat all excavations and trenches as if they are Class C type soil, which requires the use of protective systems. Recommend making this a company policy for all project sites.
- Review and document the APP plan with all subcontractors on site
- Conduct monthly safety audits and/or have an SSHO on site
- The general contractor should conduct frequent and regular inspections of the site and document these inspections.

VOSH/OSHA Inspection Notes

1. General Information

Inspection Date: 1/11/19

Jobsite Location: VAMC Gainesville, FL

Inspector's Name (s)

Phone/email

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

@dol.gov

(b) (6)

Greenland

(b) (6)

OELRich Construction

Foreman/Crew Leader: (b) (6) TES, LLC

Did the inspector show VOSH/OSHA credentials during introduction: yes no

2. Opening Conference

Attendees:

(b) (6)

Federal OSHA,

(b) (6)

OELRich,

(b) (6)

OELRich,

(b) (6)

Greenland,

(b) (6)

Safety Specialist Department of Veterans Affairs

(b) (6)

DVA,

(b) (6)

TES,

(b) (6)

OELRich,

Director of operations OELRich

Reason for Inspection

Complaint of an accident, did not have the complaint with him. Complaint was employee working in a trench unprotected & working under bucket.

3. Documents Requested

Records or documents reviewed by the inspector.

- OSHA 300 Logs 2015, 2016, 2017 for all 3 companies TES, Greenland, OELRich

- employee training, safety program, Toolbox talks, diss permit?

- Federal Tax ID #, Pictures of accident, Copies of statement & Accident reports

- wants greenland pictures from (b) (6)

Records or documents requested by OSHA (include items copied and taken.)

(b) (6)

training,

(b) (6)

training

* Inspector Asking how many employees onsite for all parties

- 1 OLERich, 1 Greenland, 3 TEs

* PPE Requirements

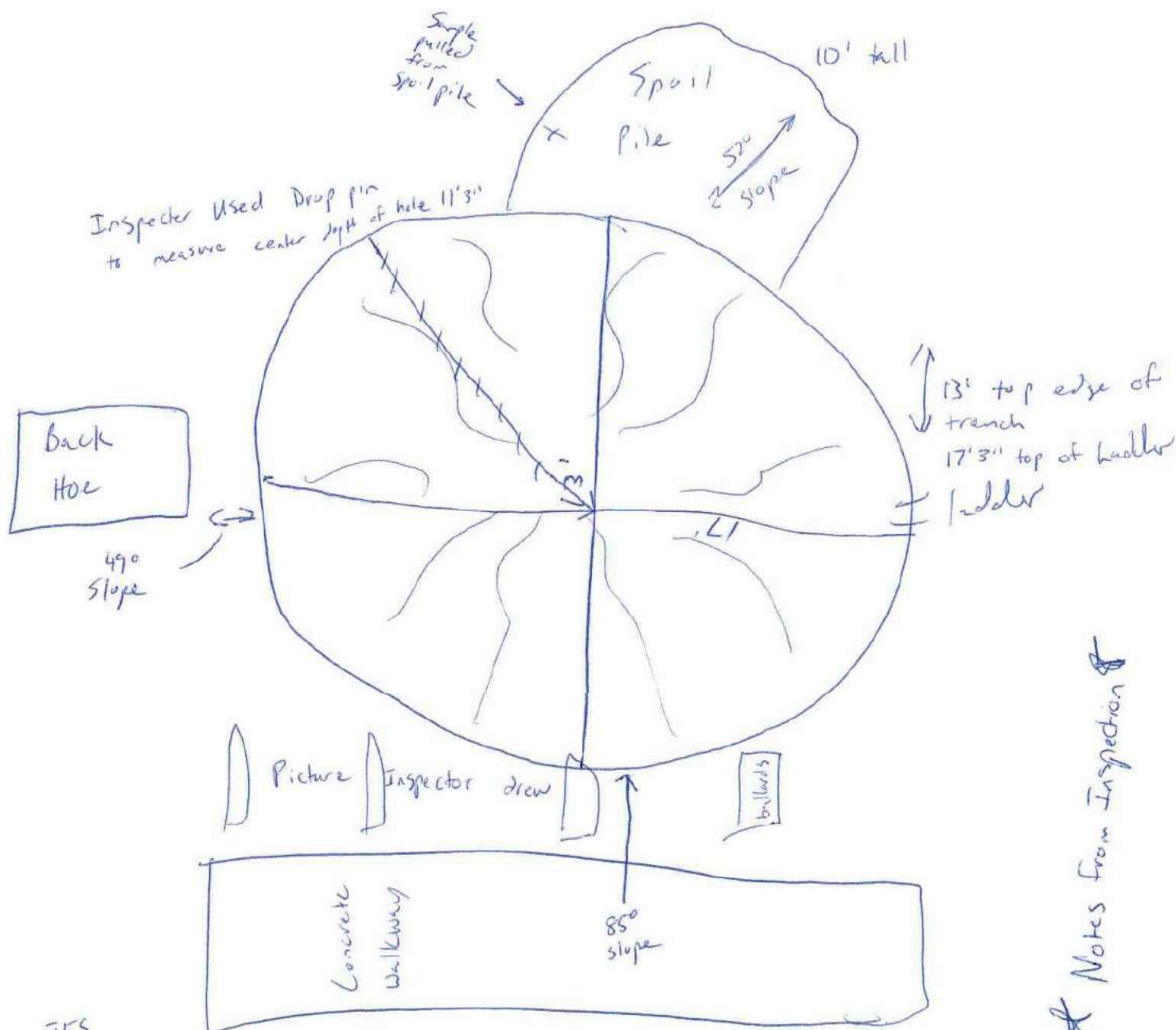
Hardhat, safety glasses, safety boots, Hi-Viz vest

Inspector Asked ↑

- Have you taken measurements

- Ask (b) (6) what type of Soil? (b) (6) said A or I mean C

- Asked (b) (6) who the Competent person was? (b) (6) said me



Notes from Inspection

4. The Walk-through Inspection

Participants in the walk-through

All listed on front page

Areas inspected

area where accident occurred

If an inspector takes a photograph take the same photograph as best you can duplicate with a company smart phone or camera. (Same distance, Same Angle)

Describe photographs:

Pictures were taken of accident area to include measurements
see photos

5. Interviews

Employees (Non-management)

Supervisors and other management

(b) (6) documented on this paperwork. (b) (6)

(b) (6) interviews documented on separate sheets on paper. See attached Scans

Notes following the interviews; (b) (6) Interview 1/11/19 TES Supervisor

- How long work for TES (b) (6) work before (b) (6)

(b) (6) How long you been doing excavations (b) (6)

Are you Competent Person on site? Yes, How what training OSHA 10hr + 30hr, Have you been trained as a
Competent Person for trench & excavation? No, How deep was the hole? 15' or 16', What type
of Soil is out there? Type C, What type of cave-in protection were you using? None,
Why not? Exploratory excavation, what were you doing? Digging to find ground water did not
find any water, How do you normally determine how deep ground water is? Geotech report
Why didn't you use the report? Conflicting reports from Geotech & local people, Why was a

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0058 ladder in the hole? To take a ground shot off the ladder, who put the ladder in
the hole? All 3 people from TES Next Page

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- Inspector asked (b) (6) to pull a soil sample
- * Notes from inspection * walk through

Witness Statement continue

(b) (6)

- Why did a man get on the ladder? To hold grade rod to shoot the grade

- Who told the worker to hold the grade rod? (b) (6), How far was he in the hole holding the grade rod? 4' to 5', Did you see him holding the grade rod in the hole? Yes, How did you see him? Looking at him to take the shot of the grade rod, Then what happen? Took the shot & the equipment operator was holding the ladder? Why was the operator holding the ladder & watching the guy in the hole? Trying to keep him safe, Did you think he was in an unsafe position? No not where he was on the ladder, Then what happen? Took the shot, passed out the grade rod and knocked his hardhat off into the excavation. Operator told guy in trench don't worry about hardhat, when operator turned around to set grade rod down, the worker climbed into the hole to get his hardhat. Operator turned back around and he was in the hole and it collapsed. What did you do then? Called 911, Did anyone else go in the hole? No, How long did it take EMS to get here? 4 to 5 minutes, How far is the spoil pile back? Right on the edge, How far should it be back? 4' to 5' When do you need cave in protection? Anything over 4', Did you know it was an OSHA requirement to use cave in protection? Yes, Have you ever heard of anyone ever getting buried in an excavation? Yes who dug the excavation? (b) (6) TE, Can you correct hazards on the jobsite? Yes Can you stop work? Yes If employee is working unsafe can you remove them? Yes How long was he on the ladder in the hole? Couple minutes, Was anyone else out there? (b) (6) (O'Brien & Greenland) Were they out there when employee on ladder? Yes

Did they ask you what you were doing? Yes I told them, what did (b) (6) say? Don't remember, Was employee on ladder when (b) (6) was there? Yes Who was there when accident happened? All of us ((b) (6) & TEs), Why didn't you have cave in protection? It was temporary not intended for anyone to get in the excavation, Was the employee injured admitted to hospital? I don't know they kept him for observation. Any injuries? cut finger, Any internal injuries? No

Witness statement continued (b) (6)

- highlights the questions the OSHA inspector asked
(b) (6)

6. The Closing Conference

Attendees:

What was discussed? (Standards, Hazards or Recommendations:

Did the inspector say he/she will recommend a citation? **yes** **no**

Closing Conference Notes:

Accident occurred on Jan. 16th

(Circle Safety Notes)

- Greenland GC
- SAW Partner w/ Greenland
- Greenland Mechanical Saw structures, dirt work, underground
+ Electrical
- Florida Electric Greenland Sub.

(b) (6)

Project Superintendent OEL Rich Construction
Safety Director Subcontractor for Saw

Total Earth Service ^{LLC} Subcontractor for OEL Rich
3 guys on site

- (b) (6) person for Total Earth Services
- (b) (6) person in trench
- (b) (6) Operator Equipment

Total Earth Services

- Total Earth Services Demo of asphalt, curbing, ~~as~~ concrete started that process, see pictures
- ~~Somebody~~ from TES called (b) (6) to dig a hole
Somebody to find how deep the ground water was and what type of soil they have on site.
- (b) (6) started digging hole to an ^{approximate} ~~approximate~~ depth of 16'
- Supervisor told laborer to go into hole to hold grade rod to shot grade.
- Operator was holding ladder + Supervisor was shooting grade.
- after they shot grade laborer passed out grade rod
(Continue on back)

and laborer knocked his hardhat off into the hole.

(b) (6) walked up at this point and

(b) (6) told them to get out of the hole and to leave the hardhat. (b) (6) walked to

the trailer to get the safety manual. (b) (6)

witnessed the laborer in the trench picking up his hardhat. At this point the trench collapse near the spoil pile. The collapse covered the employee. (b) (6) came back when he heard

the screams + yells. (b) (6) call Fire + Rescue

Fire + Rescue arrived approx 5 minutes after calling and dug the worker out in a total of

15 minutes. The laborer was taken to the hospital and kept for observation overnight. He was

released on the 11th and occurred on the 10th

@ 9:15am. OSHA arrived on site about 12pm of 1/11/19 to conduct an investigation.

7:30 - 9:20
9:15 Accident time

My Notes from the site (Circle Safety Notes)

- spoil pile not back 2' from the edge
- not cave in protection (type c soil)
- possible undermining of sidewalk
- Inspector asked safety director for OLERICH if they can take action against subcontractor? He said yes & explained that they could remove employees from site.
- (b) (6) for TES
- (b) (6) for OLERICH
- They were digging the hole to see if ground water was going to be at the tunnel due to confining ~~be~~ ^{reports}
- ~~be~~ mindful of undermining existing building
- Fire rescue dug him out with shovels, harnesses, & lifelines
- Meeting on Tuesday for interviews for TES & Closing conference will be scheduled after
- No equipment running or operating during collapse

OSHA Inspector Asked these questions below

(b) (6)

Superintendent Greenland
Witness Statement

How long you been in construction? (b) (6)

Did you know they were digging the excavation? No

I did not, I was on a walk-down to isolate electrical circuits in main campus with electricians.

Then what happen? Looking at light poles with electricians and came around corner and saw TES putting a ladder in the hole. I asked them what they were doing. TES said they were checking for ground water. Then I asked why he had a ladder in the hole, TES said they were going to shot grade, I gave them alternative to

shot grade so they wouldn't have to go into the trench. Tie a rope on stick ~~from~~ And hold from the sides so no one needs to go in the hole. TES then proceeded into the hole and I told him not to go in the hole and I proceeded to the job trailer to get OSHA regs. and told him to stop. Did you see it cave in? No I was

halfway to the trailer, What were you going to get out of the manual? show him proper rules + policy for excavations + egress + entry.

— highlights the questions the OSHA inspector asked

(b) (6)

OSHA Inspector Asked
these questions below

Superintendent DEIRICH

(b) (6)

Witness Statement 1/11/19

How long have you worked for the company? (b) (6) Construction? (b) (6)

Do you have OSHA training? OSHA 30hr, where you have
the day of the accident? Yes where were you on site? Near
excavation, what did you observe employee doing? Came by
Southside of building 25 on sidewalk and walked around
backhoe observed (b) (6) on the opposite side of the
hole and witness (b) (6) directing TES to stop work + walk
to ^{trailer} pull up excavation guidelines, Did anyone instruct
the employees to get out of the hole? (b) (6)

What did he do? Stayed on ladder holding grade rod
in the hole, Then what happen? ~~ask~~ ask why they
were digging and why was ladder in the hole. They
were supposed to be demoing asphalt, curb, + tree
removal, Had they already taken the shot? No they
were in the process, Did you see them digging the
hole? No, How long did were you on site? 7:30 am

~~when~~ I you came from a meeting an discovered
what they were doing, Can you stop work? Yes

Can you correct hazards? Yes when you told them
to stop did they stop? No How long did they stay

in after you told them to stop? Less than a minute

Have you reported that you asked them to stop

work? Yes in daily log & incident report

- Questions inspector asked (b) (6)
from DEIRICH Construction



Gainesville Fire Rescue

1025 NE 13th Street, P.O. Box 490, Gainesville, Florida 32601

Fire Incident Report

Incident Location: SW 16TH ST / SW 16TH AV

Jurisdiction: GFR

Type of Situation Found:	Incident Date:	Incident #:
RESCUE/EMS-Trench/below grade rescue	Thursday, January 10, 2019	19000480

Est. Property Loss:

Est. Contents Loss:

Property Use:

Health care, detention, &
correction, other

Responding Units:	ACFR CR#: 19001132	1st Unit Responding:	9:17 AM
TW1 Q2 R81 DC1 DC2 E4 SQ1 z301 z103		1st Unit Onscene:	9:24 AM

Detector Performance:

Extinguishment

System Performance:

Narrative:

TW1 dispatched reference CON SPACE/TRENCH TECH RESCUE. The location we were dispatched was a construction site amongst other construction sites which caused a delay because there was no one out to flag down or direct fire personnel. TW1 arrived on scene and waited for security to unlock the gate. Once inside the compound TW1 LT and FF had to ask for further direction as to where the pt/victim was and inquire about his condition. The direction given was a finger pointing to a baco and a 12-15' deep hole with no other verbal description of the scene or pt condition. TW1 LT and FF got to the hole and were unable to see any victim until finally one of the workers stated the pt was buried at the bottom of the ladder. Due to the subject being completely buried at an unknown depth the initial decision was to place one of our tech rescue personnel in the hole, prior to a tag line being available. TW1 FF (b) (6) immediately got in the whole and started trying to locate the victim by digging with his hands while LT (b) (6) got shovels. Once tag lines became available all rescue personnel in the danger zone were in a harness and tag lined. One of the workers

had walked over and directed (b) (6) to the general vicinity of where the pts head might be. After about 45 sec to a minute of shoveling and moving dirt, the top of the victims head was visible and it was noted immediately that he was moving. Pts ears were blue and his face was oriented down; none of his body was visible. A void was dug out around his airway by hand to allow our pt to breathe. Our pt was conscious but disoriented. FF (b) (6) entered the hole and assisted with digging out dirt from around the pts chest and torso. Pt became more alert throughout the rescue and was able to communicate with TW1 rescuers in the hole. Our pt stated he did not have any medical conditions and the only pain he was feeling was in his legs. This information was relayed to the rescue for efficient pt care continuity. All rescuers were put on a five minute work rest cycle. FF (b) (6) was first out of the hole and replaced by LT (b) (6), and FF (b) (6) was replaced by FF (b) (6) two minutes later. Top side, our tech rescue personnel set up a main and belay line for extricating our pt. Plywood for ground pads was requested multiple times and was never received. During the second five minute work cycle, TW1 was able to remove enough soil from around our pt to where he was able to wiggle himself free. Once pt was free he denied any severe pain, he had good gross motor function and was breathing normal. Once the pt was free the sole mission was to get both rescuers and the pt out of the hole as quickly as possible. Due to the precarious situation and the pts condition, the decision was made to allow our pt to walk up the ladder with assistance from top and bottom side rescuers. Pt was immediately placed on the stretcher and packaged for transport by E4 and R81. All further pt care was provided by R81.

Cheek, Patrick A. (NF/SG PO)

From: Farrell, Clifford J.
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 12:56 PM
To: Grayson, Nina D.
Subject: FW: Replace Boiler Project
Attachments: Contract_Pages 5 to 1759.pdf

Thanks,
Cliff
Clifford Farrell
Chief, Facilities Management Service
North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System
1601 S. W. Archer Road
Gainesville, Florida 32608
Outside Direct: (352) 548-(b) (6)
Internal Extension: (b) (6)
Mobile: (b) (6)

From: Clark, William L.
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 11:17 AM
To: Self, Michelle F. <Michelle.Self@va.gov>; Farrell, Clifford J. <Clifford.Farrell2@va.gov>; Rusiecki, Eugene <Eugene.Rusiecki@va.gov>
Cc: Dottor, Wende <Wende.Dottor@va.gov>
Subject: RE: Replace Boiler Project

2nd email – 2 more to follow.

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Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 11:14 AM
To: Self, Michelle F. <Michelle.Self@va.gov>; Farrell, Clifford J. <Clifford.Farrell2@va.gov>; Rusiecki, Eugene <Eugene.Rusiecki@va.gov>
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Michelle,

See attached.

Will be several emails.

Regards,

Bill

William Clark
Contracting Officer

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1601 SW Archer Road, Room E508-1
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Cc: Dottor, Wende <Wende.Dottor@va.gov>
Subject: RE: Replace Boiler Project

Good Morning Bill,

OSHA just called me they will be here momentarily and would like a hard copy of the contract between the VA and SAW Greenland available for them to review while onsite.

Thank You

Michelle F. Self, CSS
Safety and Occupational Health Spec.
North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System
FMS 138
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To: Self, Michelle F. <Michelle.Self@va.gov>; Farrell, Clifford J. <Clifford.Farrell2@va.gov>; Rusiecki, Eugene <Eugene.Rusiecki@va.gov>
Subject: RE: Replace Boiler Project

Michelle,

#1 – I knew nothing of this, nor the OSHA requirements.

#2 – The contractor folks you are requesting live out-of-state (I believe) – they need to fly here.

#3 – See in **red** – can we provide them the reference for that? I can then send them an email requesting a meeting next week.

Regards,

Bill

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Subject: RE: Replace Boiler Project

Bill,

We need the meeting today, in accordance with the OSHA definition of notification of Immediate Danger to Life and Health, **the incident investigation and corrective action or plan of correction need to happen within 24 hours.**

Thank You

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<Eugene.Rusiecki@va.gov>

Subject: RE: Replace Boiler Project

Cliff ,

You mentioned to me that there is a meeting today.

However, I didn't set it up.

Michelle,

Anthony Williams is the Managing Partner and I can ask that we set something up for next week, to include their Safety Officer or designee.

If there is something we want them to bring to the meeting, we obviously need to advise them in advance.

Regards,

Bill

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Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 10:10 AM

To: Clark, William L. <William.Clark1@va.gov>; Farrell, Clifford J. <Clifford.Farrell2@va.gov>; Rusiecki, Eugene <Eugene.Rusiecki@va.gov>

Subject: RE: Replace Boiler Project

Good Morning,

It is my understanding you from Cliff are the point of contact for this contract until all is resolved.

This is a request for you to set up a meeting with them as soon as possible.

Thank You

Michelle F. Self, CSS
Safety and Occupational Health Spec.
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Subject: RE: Replace Boiler Project

Michelle,

No idea.

Is this meeting officially set up (?) What time (?)

Regards,

Bill

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From: Self, Michelle F.
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 9:34 AM
To: Clark, William L. <William.Clark1@va.gov>; Farrell, Clifford J. <Clifford.Farrell2@va.gov>; Rusiecki, Eugene <Eugene.Rusiecki@va.gov>
Subject: RE: Replace Boiler Project

Good Morning,

Bill we know that SAW Greenland’s President and Safety Official are coming today. We (all on this email) would like to have a meeting with them and receive a copy of their incident investigation report.

Thank You

Michelle F. Self, CSS
Safety and Occupational Health Spec.
North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System
FMS 138
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From: Clark, William L.
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To: Self, Michelle F. <Michelle.Self@va.gov>; Farrell, Clifford J. <Clifford.Farrell2@va.gov>; Rusiecki, Eugene <Eugene.Rusiecki@va.gov>
Subject: RE: Replace Boiler Project

Michelle,

Good Morning

I will defer this decision/action to FMS/Safety.

Regards,

Bill

William Clark
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Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 5:06 PM
To: Farrell, Clifford J. <Clifford.Farrell2@va.gov>; Rusiecki, Eugene <Eugene.Rusiecki@va.gov>
Cc: Clark, William L. <William.Clark1@va.gov>
Subject: FW: Replace Boiler Project

Good Evening,

The Director and Deputy Director requested that we call OSHA and report this incident to them. In speaking with OSHA she requested the addressed of the companies involved in today incident.

Here are the addresses and phone numbers to all the companies that were on site today. I don't think she will need the address for All Florida Electric.

I did not have contact names for everyone.

(b) (6)

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8480 Honeycutt Rd, Suite 200, Room 218

Raleigh, NC 27615

Office: 757.864.0640 x 301

Fax: 757.864.0876

Mobile: (b) (6)

All Florida Electric

2606 NE 17th Terrace

Gainesville, FL 32609.

(352) 378-6014

Oelrich Construction Inc:

275 NW 137th Drive Suite A

Jonesville Fl 32669

(b) (6)

352-745-7877

Total Earth Services Inc.

8470 NE 44th Drive

Wildwood, FL 34785

United States

352-415-4888

Mr. Clark,

The following workers were on site today and their OSHA Certificates attached. Sorry for the delay, I had to compress the file so I could send it. Thank you.

- Greenland Enterprises
 - o (b) (6)
- All Florida Electric
 - o (b) (6)

- o (b) (6)
- Oelrich Construction Inc:
 - o (b) (6)
- Total Earth Services Inc.
 - o (b) (6)
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From: Clark, William L. <William.Clark1@va.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 1:22 PM

To: (b) (6)

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<Michelle.Self@va.gov>

Subject: RE: Replace Boiler Project

Mr. (b) (6)

Thank you for the update.

Will await an update/response regarding the worker and the safety cards.

Regards,

Bill

William Clark

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 1:14 PM

To: Clark, William L. <William.Clark1@va.gov>; (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Cc: Farrell, Clifford J. <Clifford.Farrell2@va.gov>; Rusiecki, Eugene <Eugene.Rusiecki@va.gov>; Sanchez-Cirilo, Herminio <Herminio.Sanchez-Cirilo@va.gov>; Schuman, Edward F. <Edward.Schuman@va.gov>; Brailer, Christopher C. <Christopher.Brailer@va.gov>; Burnett, Edwin J. <Edwin.Burnett@va.gov>; Self, Michelle F. <Michelle.Self@va.gov>; Ellis, Kathleen <Kathleen.Ellis@va.gov>; (b) (6)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Replace Boiler Project

Mr. Clark,

The site contractor foreman has been in touch with the worker and he has been walking in the hospital, and is conscious and cognizant. They are monitoring him for a couple hours and may release him this afternoon. I have asked for continual updates and will provide to you as I receive them.

(b) (6) is compiling the worker list and OSHA's now and will transmit to you immediately.

For OSHA reporting, the OSHA regulation states for "an inpatient hospitalization, amputation or loss of an eye, then incidents must be reported to OSHA only if they occur within 24 hours of the work-related incident." We are standing by to see if he will be discharged or admitted to the hospital. If he is admitted, then it is reportable. If he is discharged, it is not reportable.

How does OSHA define "in-patient hospitalization"? x

OSHA defines in-patient hospitalization as a formal admission to the in-patient service of a hospital or clinic for care or treatment. Treatment in an Emergency Room only is not reportable.

At this time, we are gathering all the reports from all workers who witnessed the incident. We have also engaged our Safety Consultant to visit the jobsite and conduct a third party safety investigation.

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Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 12:49 PM

To: (b) (6)

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Subject: RE: Replace Boiler Project

Mr. (b) (6),

Good afternoon.

We respectfully request the following as quickly as possible:

- Please provide FMS latest health status of the worker removed from the accident site.
- Also, VA FMS and VA Safety is immediately requesting a list of all general contractor and subcontractor employees that were on-site today, to include copies of their OSHA 10 hour (worker) and 30 hours (supervisor) training cards.

Regards,

Bill

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 11:04 AM

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Cc: Farrell, Clifford J. <Clifford.Farrell2@va.gov>; Rusiecki, Eugene <Eugene.Rusiecki@va.gov>; Sanchez-Cirilo, Herminio <Herminio.Sanchez-Cirilo@va.gov>; Schuman, Edward F. <Edward.Schuman@va.gov>; Brailer, Christopher C. <Christopher.Brailer@va.gov>; Burnett, Edwin J. <Edwin.Burnett@va.gov>; Self, Michelle F. <Michelle.Self@va.gov>; Ellis, Kathleen <Kathleen.Ellis@va.gov>; (b) (6)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Replace Boiler Project

Mr. Clark,

We acknowledge receipt and will comply with the direction below. We will submit all documentation of investigation.

(b) (6)

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From: Clark, William L. <William.Clark1@va.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 10:56 AM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: Farrell, Clifford J. <Clifford.Farrell2@va.gov>; Rusiecki, Eugene <Eugene.Rusiecki@va.gov>; Sanchez-Cirilo, Herminio <Herminio.Sanchez-Cirilo@va.gov>; Schuman, Edward F. <Edward.Schuman@va.gov>; Brailer, Christopher C. <Christopher.Brailer@va.gov>; Burnett, Edwin J. <Edwin.Burnett@va.gov>; Self, Michelle F. <Michelle.Self@va.gov>; Ellis, Kathleen <Kathleen.Ellis@va.gov>

Subject: Replace Boiler Project

Importance: High

Mr. (b) (6)

Good Morning.

As you may already be aware, and per Mr. Rusiecki's email below, a near catastrophic accident just occurred on the job site.

This email acts as notification that the job site is officially closed, pending all required and procedural reviews and investigations.

Feel free to contact me directly with any questions/comments.

We would also appreciate an overview of your internal corrective action plan(s)/investigation, at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

Bill

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From: Rusiecki, Eugene
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 10:44 AM
To: Clark, William L. <William.Clark1@va.gov>
Cc: Farrell, Clifford J. <Clifford.Farrell2@va.gov>; Sanchez-Cirilo, Herminio <Herminio.Sanchez-Cirilo@va.gov>; Burnett, Edwin J. <Edwin.Burnett@va.gov>; Self, Michelle F. <Michelle.Self@va.gov>
Subject: 573-14-600 Replace Boilers - Job Site Accident

Bill,

This morning approximately 9:15am an accident occurred at the job New Boiler Plant work-site. For safety investigation purposes, please inform the general contractor SAW-Greenland JV not to proceed with work and the job-site is closed until further notice.

Should you have any questions with the above, feel free to contact me.

Gene Rusiecki



Thank you for your time and efforts in serving our Veterans.

Eugene Rusiecki, Electrical Engineer COR
Engineering Projects Section (138P)
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Gainesville, FL 32608
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E-mail: eugene.rusiecki@va.gov



NETWORK CONTRACTING OFFICE 8
8875 Hidden River Parkway, Suite 570
Tampa, FL 33673

January 16, 2019

SAW-Greenland JV II, LLC.

Attn: (b) (6)

2625 Production Road, Suite A
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

SUSPENSION OF WORK

Contract# VA24818C0161, "Replace Boilers", Malcom Randall VA Medical Center,
Gainesville, FL.

Dear Mr. (b) (6),

As you are aware, your company was notified, by email, on Thursday, January 10, 2019,
of an on-site work-related accident, resulting in injury to a subcontractor employee

On that email, you were immediately directed to cease all on-site operations/activity. To
formalize the earlier direction, this Suspension of Work Notice is issued.

You have since notified the VA that the injured worker is employed by Total Earth Services
(TES), LLC., Wildwood, FL.

This project will remain suspended until all required reviews/inspections related to the
subcontractor employee work-related accident are completed, and all required
documentation has been submitted to the VA for review.

Since this suspension is directly due to an employee (subcontractor) work-related injury,
you are advised that your firm may not later seek additional time and/or financial
consideration, as it relates to this Suspension.

Please sign/date and return immediately. Email reply is acceptable.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at 352-376-1611, X-(b) (6), or at William.Clark1@va.gov.

Sincerely,

William Clark
Contracting Officer

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THIS SUSPENSION OF WORK NOTICE

Contractor: SAW-Greenland JV II, LLC.

Name (Printed): (b) (6) _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS POLICE
573 - NORTH FLORIDA / SOUTH GEORGIA HCS
1601 S.W. ARCHER ROAD
GAINESVILLE, FL, 32608-1197

Incident Report

Reported by: SHOWELL, ANTHONY

Incident Types Label	Offender	Incident Disposition
INCIDENTS : 90Z - OTHER OFFENSES : EMERGENCY RESPONSES	(b) (6) (V ICTIM)	TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITAL

Report Disposition	Method of Reporting	Report Recorder	Manager/Supervisor On Duty	Manager/Supervisor Notified
CLOSED	PHONE	SHOWELL, ANTHONY	STAMBAUGH, RONALD D JR.	YES
Incident Occurred Date	Incident Occurred End Date	Incident Discovered / Called In		
01/10/2019 at 0918	01/10/2019 at 0950	01/10/2019 at 0925		

Location	Specific Location
NF/SG VA HCS : MALCOM RANDALL VA MEDICAL CENTER- GAINESVILLE	HONOR LOT - CONSTRUCTION AREA / BOLIER PLANT PROJECT

Report Synopsis/Overview

On January 10, 2019 VA Police responded to the Honor Lot in reference to a contractor accident. VA Police manned the site as fire rescue assisted with contractor rescue. Notification made to Chief's office and report generated.

Contact # 1 (VICTIM)

Full Name

(b) (6)

Contact # 2 (WITNESS)

Full Name

(b) (6)

Drivers License	Drivers License State	Email Address	
(b) (6)	FL		
Age	Date of Birth	Gender	Race
35	(b) (6)	MALE	WHITE
Height	Weight	Hair Color	Eye Color
(b) (6)		BROWN	GREEN
Approx. Age	Demeanor	Build	Clothing
35-44		STOCKY	
Department	Title		
OTHER	TOTAL EARTH SERVICES / CONTRACTED		

Addresses

Street Number	Street Direction	Street Name	Street Type	Apt./Suite
(b) (6)				

Prepared By:

SHOWELL, ANTHONY (Anthony.Showell@va.gov)

Submitted Date

01/14/2019 1131

Signature

Reviewed By/Date

MILLER, JOSEPH G 02/01/2019 1446

Case Number

573 IR20190110-06-44

City	State	Zip	Country	Address Type
(b) (6)			USA	HOME
Phones :				
(CELL) (b) (6)				

Narrative text

On Thursday January 10, 2019 at 0925 hours I, Officer Showell, was dispatched to the shipping and receiving area in reference to a worker being trapped. Upon arrival, I was flagged down by a construction worker in the Honor Lot. I ran over to the Honor Lot and a worker stated that one of his co-workers was trapped in a hole that they had dug. I entered the construction area, walked over to the northeastern side of the parking lot and saw the hole that was dug in the ground.

The worker said one of his co-workers was trapped under the dirt. I immediately called our supervisor on duty, Sgt. Stambaugh, and informed him that we had an emergency situation and rescue was needed. The worker was completely buried and no signs of his body was able to be seen as the soil had covered him completely. As I prepared to enter the hole to try to attempt rescue, Gainesville Fire Rescue had arrived. One of the firemen immediately entered the hole and began to move dirt with his hands and feet while yelling for a shovel.

Other construction workers responded with a shovel as several more fire rescue personnel arrived and began rescue efforts. I then went to T-7 to inform the chief of police of the situation. I met with Deputy Chief Miller and informed him of the situation. Chief NeSmith had also arrived on scene and walked to the area while rescue efforts were being done. While the worker was being dug out, the safety officer arrived as well as other administrators from the engineering department. I posted by the gated entrance to the construction site as the roadway was being blocked off so vehicle and foot traffic could not enter the area.

At 0937 hours, the workers head was exposed. He was alive, breathing and speaking with the rescuer. Gainesville Fire Rescue continued to dig the worker out of the soil and at 0943 hours, he was completely removed from the hole. The worker exited the hole via the ladder under his own power, placed in the waiting ambulance and then transported to UF Health.

I then spoke with workers at the site to see who had witnessed the incident. I spoke with the backhoe operator, who identified himself as (b) (6) stated the worker, who he identified as (b) (6) was on the ladder in the hole with a grade rod. Mr. (b) (6) was measuring the hole when his hard hat came off of his head. (b) (6) stated that he told (b) (6) not to retrieve the hat and that he could get another one.

(b) (6) then handed the grade rod to (b) (6) and climbed down the ladder and entered the hole to retrieve his hat. (b) (6) said that the dirt then collapsed onto (b) (6) covering him completely. (b) (6) said he immediate called for help and the site supervisor called for fire rescue. I received (b) (6) information and added it to the report. No one had any information on (b) (6), other than his name at that time.

I took picture of the hole and the site and added it to the report. I informed my supervisor and the chief of the situation and what had occurred. The Chief of Police made all of the serious incident notifications.

Disposition: A report was generated about the incident and I told of my actions in the debriefing meeting held by the hospital administration. The Electrical Engineer COR, identified as Eugene Rusiecki, sent a copy of what had occurred at his office as the incident was called into his office first and he called VA Police. I added his statement to this report. As of this report, no report of the status of (b) (6) condition. No other police action taken at this time as it was turned over to the hospital administration and engineering staff.

Prepared By:

SHOWELL, ANTHONY(Anthony.Showell@va.gov)

Submitted Date

01/14/2019 1131

Signature**Reviewed By/Date**

MILLER, JOSEPH G 02/01/2019 1446

5737R2090110-000044



Department of Veterans Affairs

VOLUNTARY WITNESS STATEMENT

Location: VA Hospital 1601 SW Archer Rd Gainesville

Date: 01/10/2019

I, Eugene Rusiecki, residing at or employed at Gainesville VAMC,

make the following statement freely and voluntarily:

Anthony,

"I received a phone call in my office at 9:17am Thursday, January 10, 2019. This phone call is from (b) (6) - Greenland Enterprises - site superintendent/manager, he was saying the I needed to get out here (at the job site) immediately, now!, we have a bad situation - a worker fell in the pit and Fire/Rescue is on their way. I immediately replied "okay I'll be out there". After hanging up the phone, I immediately informed Mitchell Self - VA Safety of the situation and we were at the job-site within a few minutes.

I later learned that the worker was buried under the soil that had collapse from the sidewall. Warned by Safety not to get near or into the pit and waited for Fire/Rescue to arrive. When Fire/Rescue came on-site I returned to the Engineering office and informed my manager Cliff Farrell - Chief Facilities Management Services, of the incident and returned to the site. Later saw and met with Ed Burnett - FMS Shop Supervisor and Cliff Farrell at the job-site. "

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(Declarant Initials)

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Statement of Eugene Rusiecki

[The statement area is crossed out with a large diagonal line. A signature is visible in the center of the page.]

I have read/have had read to me the above statement consisting of 2 page(s), and certify that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

No threats or promises have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

Eugene Rusiecki
(Declarant) Signature

01/10/2019
(Date)

Anthony J Showell
(Witness) Signature

01/10/2019
(Date)

Page 2 of 2

Miller, Joseph G. (NF/SG)

From: Self, Michelle F.
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 12:35 PM
To: Fausnaugh, Rodney E.
Cc: Miller, Joseph G. (NF/SG)
Subject: Cameras on Logistics Loading Dock

Good Afternoon Rodney,

OSHA has called again requesting if the cameras on the Logistics loading dock were able to capture any of the events from the day of the cave in.

Can you please respond to me and let me know?

Thank You

Michelle F. Self, CSS
Safety and Occupational Health Spec.
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Report Range : 01/10/2019 0000 to 01/10/2019 2359 Report Title :

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Events:		
Date/Time	Officer	
	Group	
Event		
Location		

01/10/2019 0925	SHOWELL, ANTHONY
01/10/2019 1022	573 - NORTH FLORIDA / SOUTH GEORGIA HCS

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
NF/SG VA HCS : MALCOM RANDALL VA MEDICAL CENTER- GAINESVILLE
MEDICAL EMERGENCY-HONOR LOT

MEDICAL EMERGENCY At 0925 received call from Interlachen Fire Rescue Operations stating they are sending Fire Rescue to the construction site on campus due to trench collapsing on construction worker. At 0925 dispatched Officer Showell and Sgt. Stambaugh to Honor Lot. At 0926 Operations notified Chief NeSmith of incident. At 0927 Sgt. Stambaugh redirecting Traffic to allow for immediate access to scene for Emergency Vehicles. At 0928 Officer Showell reported Gainesville Fire Rescue #1 on site and Chief NeSmith on scene. At 0944 Officer Showell reported subject has been located and removed from trench by Fire Rescue. At 0947 Sgt. Stambaugh relieved by Excelsior Security to direct traffic. Sgt. Stambaugh is still on scene. Subject is being transported to SHANDS by Fire Rescue. At 1022 Chief NeSmith, Sgt. Stambaugh and Officer Showell are clear. IR to follow.

Backup Officers List

STAMBAUGH, RONALD D JR.	01/10/2019 0925	01/10/2019 1022
NESMITH, WAYNE E	01/10/2019 0928	01/10/2019 1022

Total Events: 1